



Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

National Federation of Independent Business Strongly Supports the “New Employee Verification Act” (H.R. 5515)

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Dear Colleague,

Before the March district work period began, we were pleased to receive the strong support of the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) for H.R. 5515, the “New Employee Verification Act” (NEVA). NFIB and its members live with the strain and legal liability the nation’s current employment verification system places upon small businesses, and believe that the bipartisan NEVA offers a unique and effective approach to this growing problem.

The NEVA replaces the flawed I-9 employment verification process with a new employment verification system. Employers would submit their new employee’s information through their state’s new hire reporting process, a process currently used by approximately 90% of employers. The Social Security Administration would provide virtually instantaneous work authorization for U.S. citizens, and the Department of Homeland Security would provide the same for noncitizens.

As Dan Danner, Executive Vice President, Public Policy and Political, NFIB stated, “This legislation [NEVA] takes into account concerns small business owners have with illegal immigration by creating an electronic employment eligibility verification system that seeks to balance increased enforcement objective while limiting the regulatory burdens placed on smaller business.” Mr. Danner concluded by stating, “Small business owners feel strongly about creating a workable employee verification system, and we endorse your legislation.”

We are pleased to have the small and independent business community support our approach to ensure effective worksite enforcement – a critical component of any meaningful immigration reform. We hope you will join the small business community in support of the NEVA.

For more information about the NEVA and to read the NFIB’s letter of support, please visit the website of the Ways and Means Republicans at <http://republicans.waysandmeans.house.gov/>. If you have any further questions or would like to cosponsor the bill, please contact Kathleen Black (Johnson personal office) at 5-4201 or Caryn Schenewerk at 5-2542 (Giffords personal office). Thank you.

Sincerely,

/s Sam Johnson
Member of Congress

/s Gabrielle Giffords
Member of Congress